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Subject: "Energy Star" rating for water heaters

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In Re: Resistance electric water heaters

Resistance-type water heaters are the only practical choice for rural residential customers.

If the Energy Star Program includes electric resistance water heaters, it would help rural customers made a good efficiency choice.

The electric heat pump technology does not provide the reliability at a reasonable cost that consumers expect from their water heater.

Sincerely,

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